

## BANKS IN RACE FOR LARGE CUBAN LOAN

National City and Speyer Bros.  
Claims Put Forward For  
\$10,000,000 Issue.

Local bankers are watching with interest the impending clash between the National City Bank and Speyer Bros., of New York, over the new Cuban loan of \$10,000,000, recently authorized by the Cuban congress.

It is stated that James Speyer, on the occasion of his recent visit to Washington and his call at the White House, appealed to this Government to uphold what he regards as a contract between his house and the Cuban government, whereby Speyer Bros. was promised all bond issues up to the year 1921. The National City group claims to have a contract giving it the first choice on the new loan.

It is stated that President Menocal of Cuba has obtained from his attorney general a ruling that the Speyer contract, entered into after the second American occupation of the island, when Speyer Bros. furnished a loan of \$18,500,000 to Cuba, is illegal. The National City Bank claim is based on the assertion that the National City, in taking up short-time notes of the Cuban government, was given a guarantee that when the next loan was negotiated, if the contract was not awarded to the National City group, the government of Cuba would pay that group the sum of \$100,000 in lieu of commissions which the bankers refrained from charging until the next loan was negotiated.

## Interstate Measure Violation Charged

William Borton, charged with violating the Interstate Commerce Law covering goods in shipment, was bound over to the grand jury today by Judge Pugh in the sum of \$500. Borton was arrested Thursday for stealing a bag of hides valued at \$5 from the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat Company wharf.

The grand jury will also investigate the charge of assault filed by Nettie Russell against Theodore Williams. The woman claims Williams cut her with a razor on November 2. His bond was fixed at \$500.

## Drops Divorce Suit For Lack of Funds

Without means to prosecute his divorce suit against Annie Jett, Hubert Jett, through Attorney Matthew O'Brien, today asked Justice Stafford to dismiss his suit. The motion was granted. The case was docketed last February, and some testimony was taken on both sides.

## Taking One Last Look Back At Christmas

By Goldberg



## Telegraphic Briefs

### DOMESTIC.

Bloomington, Ill.—Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, wife of former Vice President Stevenson, is dead. She had been ill for several months. Mrs. Stevenson was seventy years old.

Findlay, Ohio.—A five-week rat hunt in Union township ended when the 211 men and boys engaged in the contest produced 10,558 rat tails.

St. Paul, Minn.—Mrs. John A. Johnson, widow of Governor Johnson, was married to William A. Smith, of Pittsburgh, Pa., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Van Slyck.

New York.—William W. Auslick, newspaper man and magazine writer, and widely known in theatrical circles as representative of one of the big

producing companies, died at Flushing, Long Island.

New York.—Three surgeons of the Holy Family Hospital, Brooklyn, in an attempt to save the life of Vincent Lauro, whose heart had been pierced by a stiletto, delicately took six stitches in the left ventricle, and then sewed up the pericardium, the membrane surrounding the heart. The surgeons agreed that Lauro had a good chance to recover.

Bayonne.—After robbing the cash drawer in Boyle's saloon, Eura Franklin drank so much whiskey he lay unconscious on the floor and was caught.

Indianapolis.—James T. Karney, fifty-two, killed his wife and himself with a shotgun as his little daughter looked on.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Frank Walton, Cleveland Jackson, and Linley Fowler, Indiana, were arrested at Tabala.

Quinault Reservation, as counterfeiters.

San Francisco.—James W. McElmott, elderly bachelor bank clerk, was killed by an automobile, the driver of which fled.

Providence.—Mrs. Margaret Bailey, sixty-eight, and Margaret Murphy, fifteen, were suffocated in a fire on Sheldon street.

Newark.—Overworked in Christmas rush, Patrick McGee, letter carrier, sorting in the postoffice, died of apoplexy.

Memphis.—Mrs. Fisher Harwell, wife of a business man, shot herself to death after sending her children away from home.

Kansas City.—John Burkhardt was arrested near here in connection with an attempt to burn the town of Orchidree, Tex., last October.

Manchester, N. H.—Amoskang Manufacturing Company informed its

16,000 operatives wages would not be cut, because of new law limiting work to fifty-five hours a week.

Paris.—Baby girls, who are joined face to face by a strip of flesh an inch thick, have been brought here to be separated. The doctors found, by using x-rays, that the twins do not share any vital organ.

Rome.—The explosion of a fireworks factory at Torre Annunziata, in the province of Naples, resulted in the death of fourteen persons.

London.—England's oldest woman, Mrs. Rebecca Clarke, aged 109, of Wood Green, near London, presided at the wedding breakfast of her son, Harry, aged sixty-seven.

Vienna.—Archduke Friedrich has purchased the Augustine monastery, near the palace, where his famous Albertina collection of 19,000 original

drawings and 200,000 engravings is housed. He intends to build a gallery there.

Havana.—The murder of six-year-old Eugenia Hernandez, on November 25 at Artemisa in the province of Pinar del Rio, in connection with the practice of "vodooism" is attributed to Jose de la Cruz and Eugenio Cardenas, now under arrest.

Groningen, Netherlands.—A son of Premier P. W. A. Cort Van der Linden and four other passengers were killed and twelve injured in the wreck of a holiday train.

Copenhagen.—Nineteen fishermen have been drowned off Thorshavn, Faroe Islands, in a hurricane, which wrecked many small craft.

Paris.—Princess Sophia, wife of Prince Eitel Fritz, the Kaiser's second son, has left her husband. She is staying alone and incognito in the Ritz Hotel, Paris.

## COUNCILMEN READY DEFEND STATUS

Julian Y. Williams Will Take Case to Supreme Court of Appeals  
Immediately After Holidays—Harvey L. Baker Heads  
Jackson Council—Jury Meets Beside Railroad.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU,  
ALEXANDRIA, VA., DEC. 26.

When the supreme court of appeals meets on January 6, at the expiration of the holiday recess, the first case to be taken up will be that of Julian Y. Williams, a member of the city council, against six members of council who instituted quo warranto proceedings against him to oust him from his office on account of his removal from the city. The members of council were successful in obtaining a decision against Williams, a jury in the corporation court finding that he was not entitled to remain in council. An appeal was taken to the supreme court, and this will be decided at the coming session of the court.

Councilman Williams will be represented by Gardner L. Booth, attorney, and the six other councilmen by Commonwealth Attorney Samuel G. Brent.

At a meeting Thursday night, James W. Jackson Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, elected the following officers: Harvey L. Baker, councilor; W. F. Baker, ar., vice councilor; S. A. Forrest, recording secretary; F. S. Travers, assistant recording secretary; Charles R. Herbert, financial secretary; R. L. Merchant, treasurer; James Gorham, conductor; W. F. Baker, Jr., warden; Ervin Haywood, inside sentinel; J. F. Petty, ar., outside sentinel; J. F. Petty, W. F. Baker, and F. S. Travers, trustees.

A coroner's jury, summoned by Justice Arthur Kirby, whose sessions were held beside the railway track, two miles south of Alexandria, Thursday afternoon, during a driving rain, reached a verdict that an unknown negro, who had been found dead beside the track early in the day by Track-walker Blum, had come to his death by being struck by a northbound train of the Washington-Southern railway. The man was apparently thirty-five or forty years old. His head was crushed and a leg and arm mangled. The body was later brought to Darnley's undertaking establishment in this city.

Miss Liza E. Nagel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nagel, of this city, and Frank V. Quidey, of Farmville, Va., were married Wednesday afternoon in Baltimore.

Reuben Hicks, sixty-five years old, whose home is at Cherry Hill, sixteen miles south of Alexandria, was struck by a Washington-Southern train, near his home, Thursday afternoon, and was badly bruised. He was brought to the Alexandria Hospital here, where his injuries were treated by Dr. W. M. Smith.

The annual election of officers of Virginia Consistory, No. 2, Scottish Rite Masons, will be held tonight at 7:30

o'clock in Masonic Temple. The annual election of officers of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons will take place on Saturday night, St. John's day, which is a regular communication of the lodge.

Invitations have been issued to the dance, which will be given at the Elks Auditorium on New Year afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. A number of young ladies have charge of the entertainment, and the proceeds will be given to the needy children of Alexandria. The following are the patronesses: Mrs. William A. Smoot, Jr., Mrs. D. J. Howell, Mrs. Kate Wallis Barrett, Mrs. Charles Edgar Nicol, Mrs. Gardner L. Booth, Mrs. Hugh McGuire, Mrs. James S. Douglass, Mrs. John M. Johnson, Mrs. F. Marshall Jones, and Mrs. C. S. Taylor Burke.

Plans Huge Airship.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Sikorski, the Russian aviator who built an airplane that carried eleven persons, has planned a three-ton machine with horsepower and sleeping rooms for more than twenty.

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